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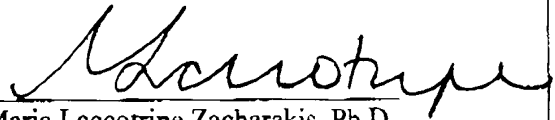
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Limited Recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9 (b)**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**In the specification:**

At page 10, line 24, please insert

-- As used herein, a "biologically active portion" of a PCIP protein includes a fragment of a PCIP protein which participates in an interaction between a PCIP molecule and a non-PCIP molecule. Biologically active portions of a PCIP protein include peptides comprising amino acid sequences sufficiently identical to or derived from the amino acid